



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
August 11th, 2024

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Community Worship Service
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 11th

**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg**

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

How First a Foundation Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand as you are able*)

We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

Our work of peace begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Our work of love begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

Our work of hope begins with prayer.

We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.

HYMN # 98

To God be the Glory
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OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives.

Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice.

However, there are many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly, we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

- 18:5 The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.
- 18:6 So, the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.
- 18:7 The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.
- 18:8 The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.
- 18:9 Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.
- 18:15 And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.
- 18:31 Then the Cushite came and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you."
- 18:32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to do you harm be like that young man."
- 18:33 The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept, and as he went he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Psalm 130 (Pg. 848 in the Hymnal) - Psalter Lesson

(Please read the bold text)

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

130:2 Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

130:3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

130:4 **But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshipped.**

130:5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
in the Lord's word I hope;

130:6 **my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

130:7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

130:8 **And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities.**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (Epistle Reading)

4:25 So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.

4:26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

4:27 and do not make room for the devil.

4:28 Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

4:29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

- 4:31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice.
- 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- 5:1 Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,
- 5:2 and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6:35, 41-51 (Gospel) (Please stand as you are able)

- 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
- 6:41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."
- 6:42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"
- 6:43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves.
- 6:44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day.
- 6:45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.
- 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.
- 6:47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.
- 6:48 I am the bread of life.
- 6:49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
- 6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.
- 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand?

***We come before you with our brokenness
and our wounds for all to see.***

***We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our
deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail.***

We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed.

Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely.

***Without you, we have no hope. We make this prayer of confession in the name
of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*With unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness—
complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely,
and allows us to begin again.*

So be at peace – your sins are forgiven! Praise be to God!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 (The Apostles' Creed)

(Please stand as you are able)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,***

***born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,***

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN #399

Take My Life, and Let it be
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OFFERTORY

Meditation Douglas E. Wagner

DOXOLOGY #95 *(Please stand as you are able)*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Please continue standing)*

God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we come before you, recognizing your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. As we offer our gifts, we also lift our hearts in prayer for all who are burdened with pain and uncertainty. May your healing touch reach those in need and may your love bring comfort and strength to troubled hearts. We entrust our offerings and prayers to you, knowing that you hear and respond with boundless grace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #430 *(Please stand as you are able)*

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated)*

Trumpet Tune Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest preacher

Please extend a warm welcome to **Rev. Kerry Purselle**. She is with us to celebrate today's service. She is a retired minister from the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given **in loving remembrance of Emil and Ellen Gasperoni. Always in our hearts, Sam and Marilyn Gasperoni.**

2024-2025 Scholarship bookmarks

The new bookmarks are in and are at each entrance of the church. We encourage you to take one and pray for our scholarship recipients.

Bible Study – Luke

It meets on **Tuesdays, at 1:00 PM in the Minnich Conference room**. There is limited homework. Please see **Lysa Riggs** to sign up or email: **lysariggs@gmail.com**.

Bible Study – Finding Balance

The Bible study meets on **Sundays at 8:15 AM** in the Minnich conference room and is not consecutive; come as you can. **Don Henderson** is leading this Bible Study.

Livestream Volunteers Needed

Have you enjoyed watching our Sunday service when you are ill, traveling or over the winter months? This is available thanks to the volunteers, but we need more volunteers. It is not a hard task and you will be trained. If you are interested, please reach out to **Joe Haraschak at joe10066@outlook.com**.

The Prayer Ministry

They meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 AM in the church. Please e-mail prayer requests to **LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com**

AA Meetings Thursday Nights

The weekly AA is on Thursdays at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. In an effort to honor anonymity please do not go to the Parish building from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff over the summer.

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1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lies, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

MESSIAH
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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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